

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 have been canceled. Claims 6 to 11 have been amended to make claims 6 and 7 independent and to clarify the claimed subject matter. New claims 24 to 26 have been added. Claims 6 to 11 and 23 to 26 are pending. No new matter has been added by the present amendments to the claims.

The Rejection Under 35 USC § 101

In the Office Action of July 25, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 4 to 10 under 35 USC § 101, alleging that they were not directed to statutory subject matter. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot as to these claims. Newly independent claims 6 and 7 contain the limitation "isolated" in their preambles. Claims 8 to 11 and 23 to 26 are all ultimately dependent upon claims 6 or 7, and so incorporate the "isolated" limitation by reference. In light of the amendments to claims 6 and 7, and the dependence of all the other claims therefrom, it is respectfully submitted that the ground for rejection of the claims under 35 USC § 101 has been overcome, and should be withdrawn.

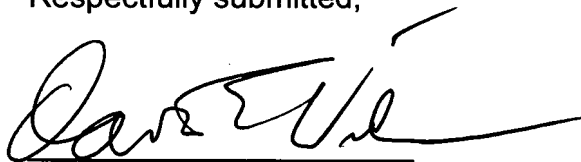
The Rejection Under 35 USC §§ 102(a) and 102(e)

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 11 were rejected as anticipated by Cohen et al., WO02/053596. This was the only rejection of the claims based on prior art. While applicants do not agree with the basis for the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, and 11 as anticipated by Cohen, in order to advance prosecution claims 1, 4, and 5 have been canceled, rendering the rejection as to these claims moot. Claim 11 is now dependent upon claim 6, which was not rejected over Cohen in the Office Action of July 25, 2007. As claim 11 now incorporates by reference all of the limitations of claim 6, it is respectfully submitted that claim 11 cannot properly be said to be anticipated by Cohen, and it so the rejection of claim 11 as anticipated by Cohen should be withdrawn.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds for rejection of the claims set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action of July 25, 2007 have been rendered moot or been overcome. It is thus respectfully submitted that claims 6 to 11 and 23 to 26 are in condition for passage to allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

No further fee is required in connection the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Wildman", written over a horizontal line.

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